



## Arlington Poet Laureate Committee

Date: 22 October, 2018

Time: 7 PM

Location: Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall Annex

Present: Liza Halley (chair), John Burt (secretary), Jane Howard, Pamela Powell

1. We have received an impressive list of Cathie's activities (scanned and attached)
2. Debrief about Town Day. Cathie's perspective: we should think of a different area to hold the event because there was a lot of noise from the band across the street. The microphones had problem too. Possibly move the event to near the Whittemore Robbins House. It's actually quieter there. The garden there is being heavily renovated, though, and it might not be ready. Jane will talk about this with Patsy Kramer (who coordinates town events). We could use more PR for this event. Jane will talk to the Selectmen about putting it in the Town Day program. Should encourage children from the schools to come read too. Other venue ideas: the cemetery behind First Parish, the First Parish memorial garden.
3. Liza will send an invoice to the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture to support activities. Use it freely as a stipend for participants. Would not need to provide the town a detailed accounting. Cathie could use also more financial support. The Town will, we believe, contribute \$500, and some of the PTOs will make contributions as well.
4. Cathie will step down after the spring. We will need to organize a new application process for March—June. Possible time line  
May 5: Announcement of Call for Applications  
May 8: Application window opens  
June 2: Deadline for applications to be received  
After June 9: Poet Laureate Committee meets to select (3) finalists  
June: Finalist Interviews begin June 12. New Poet Laureate is recommended to Board of Selectmen  
July 1: Announcement of Arlington's new Poet Laureate
5. Begin to meet regularly again in January, January 24
6. Possible other members of committee: Carol Band, Fred Marchant, Wyn Kelley, Dale Peterson, Laura Quinney, Jean Flanagan, Gayle Roby, Scott Crout, Globiana, Beth Kress, Jessie Brown, Oakes Plimpton, Grace Solomonoff, Susan Donnelly, Nora Scharf, Nancy Haydon Gray, Bruce Veivia, Susan Lloyd McGarry, Tracy Marks, Thomas DeFreitas, E.L. Mellor,

7. Appreciation brunch for Cathie. AT Pamela's House on November 17 at 3:30. (Will Cathie be available)?

## **Arlington Poet Laureate 2017-18 events**

Sept. 15 Town Day landscape prep with Jane Howard, Jefferson Cutter house  
Sept. 16: Town Day reading with Beehive poets dedicated to Charles Schwab  
Sept. 18. ACMI cable interview  
Sept. 21 Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library  
Sept. 28: Kickstand Cafe, spoken word poetry story (Stanley Kunitz), Fugitive Stories  
Oct. 5: Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library  
Oct. 11 Beehive Table drop-in hours 1:00-2:30, Robbins Library  
Oct. 14: Town Hall poetry reading with AC A  
Oct. 19- Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library  
Oct. 22. Collecting words on bike path for Ripple public poem 2:00-4:00  
Oct. 24: Meeting with Assistant Supt. Roderick MacNeal re: working in schools  
Oct. 25: Beehive Table drop-in hours 1:00-2:30, Robbins Library  
Nov. 2: Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library  
Nov. 8 Beehive Table drop-in hours 1:00-2:30, Robbins Library  
Nov. 14: Participation with ACE Poetry Out Loud session, AHS  
Nov 18. ACMI, DOUBLETAKE event at Town Hall, spoken word poetry story  
Nov. 30: Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library  
Dec. 7 Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library  
Dec. 13: Beehive Table drop-in hours 1:00-2:30, Robbins Library  
Dec. 21: Solstice Poetry Event, Community Room, Robbins Library  
Jan. 1 New Year's Day Bella Ciao event: Art and Compassion in Action  
Jan. 9\* Beehive Table drop-in hours 1:30-3:00, Robbins Library  
Jan. 22: LGBTQ event, Poetry In and Out, Robbins Library  
Jan. 25 Beehive Table drop-in hours 7:00-8:30, Robbins Library

Other meetings and conversations with Emily Bottis re: MCC Poetry Chair project (agreed to select poems for Robbins Library Poetry Chair installation); with Robbins Library personnel about future events and publicity; poetry with UU church, poem commissioned for UU minister anniversary; Thanksgiving poems with Pamela Powell and Chichi, Time for All Ages during Poetry Service Dec. 31

## **Upcoming:**

—poems for Spy Pond newsletters, winter and spring editions